

## ICTS branch in city

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The institute is marking the foundation of its campus in Bangalore with an inaugural five-day event called Science without Boundaries. The event is being held at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) from Dec 27 to 31.

The ICTS, which was founded in 2007, was conceived to contribute to the growth of excellence in the basic sciences through its programs, interactions and cross-fertilisation between disciplines. It will foster research, be a resource for high level education and training and a node for scientific information and values. At present, ICTS programs are being organised at various locations in India till its campus comes up in Bangalore.

Personalities like Dr S Banerjee, Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy, and Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, Professor Mustansir Barma, the Director, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, and others will attend the function.

The event is also open to public, in particular the student community. Several schools and colleges have also been invited to attend these lectures. In addition, Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) and National Entrance Screening Test (NEST) students have also been invited to participate.

### Jewellery worth Rs 25 lakh looted

Two robbers struck at a jeweller's house in Weavers' Colony under Bannerghatta police limits and managed to decamp with valuables worth of Rs 25 lakh on Saturday evening.

According to police, the incident happened when Ram Lal left for his jewellery shop which is 200 meters from his house at around 7.30 pm, leaving his wife and two children. "Two persons forcibly entered the house and locked Leela along with her children in one room. They managed to flee with valuables worth of Rs 25 lakh including cash, gold and silver jewellery within 15 minutes," the police said. Leela was rescued by her husband when he came back at around 10.30 pm.

### 3 new govt hospitals for city

Here is some healthy news for people living on the outskirts of the city: The government plans to construct four new hospitals to decongest Victoria and Bowring Hospitals.

The first hospital will come up in HRBR Layout of Kachakaranahalli located in northern side of Bangalore. The second hospital will come up in BDA land near Banashankari 6th Phase. The third hospital will come up on 10 acres of land belongs to the rehabilitation centre on Magadi road.

These will be 250-bed hospitals. The government is also contemplating to upgrade a multi-speciality hospital, which is under construction, in Indiranagar from 250 beds to 500 beds. The new hospitals will cater to those living on the periphery. At present, people rush to the two major government hospitals Victoria and Bowring hospitals which have a capacity of 965 and 685 beds respectively. More than 2,000 patients visit outpatient wards

of these two hospitals everyday.